

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:584  
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Guidelines for Emigration Clearance  
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**Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has issued fresh guidelines regarding emigration clearance of Indian citizens who are travelling to Saudi Arabia for jobs for the first time;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the number of applications for emigration clearance to Saudi Arabia pending before the emigration offices for the last three months; and
- (d) the action contemplated by the Government to settle the issues expediently?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE FOR OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS  
GENERAL V.K. SINGH (RETD.)

- (a) & (b): No Madam, no such fresh guidelines specific to Saudi Arabia have been issued by the Government.
- (c): The status of emigration clearances to Saudi Arabia processed during the last three months and pending applications are as under;

(No of applications)  
August 2015 September 2015 October 2015  
Opening  
Balance 1432 4507 3115  
Received 23622 19153 12330  
Processed 20547 20545 13313  
Pending 4507 3115 2132

- (d): Normally emigration clearance is given within one working day where complete documents are available. The pending cases are due to incomplete documentation on part of applicant.